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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, counsel elects Group A, claims 1-6 and 8-16.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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